

sents reimbursement to said John C. Houghton, Junior, for paying out of his own funds a judgment against him in the courts of Illinois arising out of an accident occurring on April 8, 1957, when the said John C. Houghton, Junior, was operating a Government vehicle in the course of his duties as an employee of the Post Office Department: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved August 14, 1958.

Private Law 85-582

AN ACT

For the relief of Gerald K. Edwards, Lawrence R. Hitchcock, Thomas J. Davey, and Gerald H. Donnelly.

August 14, 1958
[H. R. 9756]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the persons enumerated below the sums specified, in full settlement of all claims against the Government of the United States as reimbursement for personal effects destroyed as a result of the fire which occurred on July 13, 1956, at Girdwood, Alaska, when the claimants were employed on a survey crew with The Alaska Railroad: Gerald K. Edwards, \$415; Lawrence R. Hitchcock, \$443; Thomas J. Davey, \$797; and Gerald H. Donnelly, \$298.

Gerald K. Edwards and others.

SEC. 2. No part of the amounts appropriated in this Act shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with these claims, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved August 14, 1958.

Private Law 85-583

AN ACT

To validate the conveyance of certain land in the State of California by the Southern Pacific Company to James Giono.

August 14, 1958
[H. R. 9792]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, subject to section 3 of this Act, the conveyance executed by the Southern Pacific Company, and described in section 2 of this Act, involving certain land in the county of Los Angeles, State of California, forming a part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company by section 23 of the Act of March 3, 1871 (16 Stat. 573), said Southern Pacific Company being the successor, by mesne consolidations and merger, to said Southern Pacific Railroad Company, is hereby legalized, validated, and confirmed, as far as the interest of the United States is concerned, with the same force and

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Validation of conveyance.

effect as if the land involved therein had been held by the Southern Pacific Company at the time of such conveyance under absolute fee simple title.

SEC. 2. The conveyance referred to in the first section of this Act was entered into between the Southern Pacific Company, grantor, and James Giono, grantee, on April 30, 1957, and recorded on August 22, 1957, volume 55414, page 30, of Official Records of Los Angeles County, California.

SEC. 3. (a) Nothing contained in this Act is intended or shall be construed to—

(1) diminish the right-of-way referred to in the first section of this Act to a width less than fifty feet on either side of the center of the main track or tracks of the Southern Pacific Company as established and maintained on the date of enactment of this Act; nor

(2) legalize, validate, or confirm any right, title, or interest in and to the land referred to in the first section of this Act arising out of adverse possession, prescription, or abandonment, and not confirmed by conveyance made by the Southern Pacific Company before the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) There is hereby reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or other minerals in the land referred to in the first section of this Act, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Approved August 14, 1958.

Private Law 85-584

August 14, 1958
[H. R. 9884]

AN ACT

For the relief of Tamas Akos and Lilla Akos.

Tamas and Lilla
Akos.

62 Stat. 1011.
50 U.S.C. app.
1953.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Tamas Akos and Lilla Akos the sum of \$2,000 in full settlement of all claims against the United States for reimbursement for the amounts of departure bonds posted in behalf of Laszlo Akos, Tomas Akos, Lilla Akos, and Robert Akos; each of whose status was subsequently adjusted under section 4 of the Displaced Persons Act so as to create a record of their lawful admission as of the date of their original arrival in the United States: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated by this Act shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved August 14, 1958.

Private Law 85-585

August 14, 1958
[H. R. 9986]

AN ACT

For the relief of First Lieutenant Luther A. Stamm.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That First Lieu-
Luther A. Stamm.